

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 123

Introduced by Assembly Member Harkey

March 25, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 123—Relative to Arthritis Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 123, as introduced, Harkey. Arthritis Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2014 as Arthritis Awareness Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Arthritis includes more than 100 rheumatic diseases
2 and conditions that affect joints, the tissues that surround joints,
3 and other connective tissue; and

4 WHEREAS, Arthritis is a chronic health problem and the
5 nation’s leading cause of physical disability among Americans
6 and is most common among people with multiple chronic
7 conditions; and

8 WHEREAS, Arthritis causes pain and loss of movement, can
9 limit everyday activities such as walking and dressing, and can
10 even lead to death; and

11 WHEREAS, An estimated 52.5 million adults in the United
12 States are living with some form of doctor-diagnosed arthritis,
13 representing approximately 22.7 percent of adults in the United
14 States; and

1 WHEREAS, An estimated 300,000 children under 18 years of
2 age, or approximately one in 250 children, in the United States
3 have some form of arthritis or rheumatic condition; and

4 WHEREAS, Approximately one-half of all adults with heart
5 disease or diabetes also have arthritis; and

6 WHEREAS, Arthritis costs the United States economy more
7 than \$128 billion each year, with \$81 billion in direct medical care
8 costs and \$47 billion in indirect costs; and

9 WHEREAS, Arthritis results in approximately 992,100
10 hospitalizations and 44 million outpatient visits each year; and

11 WHEREAS, In California there are more than 5.3 million people
12 living with arthritis, including 38,000 children; and

13 WHEREAS, An estimated 67 million adults 18 years of age and
14 older will have doctor-diagnosed arthritis by the year 2030; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
17 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature understands the extent
18 of, and sympathizes with, the severity of the impact of arthritis on
19 Californians; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Legislature recognizes the month of May
21 2014 as Arthritis Awareness Month and appreciates the efforts of
22 the California Arthritis Foundation Council to seek access to care
23 for all Californians; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
25 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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28 CORRECTIONS: _____

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